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Raps rule on court, online

NBA

YouTubers' arrival sign of growing frenzy on Internet

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Abrar Ul Isloam has never set foot in the Air Canada Centre for a Raptors game but, thanks to the Internet, the 11-year-old superfan hasn't missed a minute of the team's playoff run.

"I like (DeMar) DeRozan because he takes a lot of shots," said the Grade 6 student, of Spruce Court Public School.

Isloam is glued to the television screen every time the Raptors hit the court, but he also trawls the Internet between games to check out videos and articles about his favourite team.

According to Tyler Toney — part of the popular YouTube sports show Dude Perfect — the on-court and online success of the Raptors is helping drive a new kind of sports fandom.

"I think it's cool that sport has definitely gone beyond just live games. Kids can learn new skills and check out more content online," he said.

Toney and his mates were in Toronto on Wednesday, shooting hoops and signing autographs for local youth at the Harbourfront Community Centre.

Left: Dude Perfect crew and their mascot panda (from left: Coby Cotton, Tyler Toney, Garrett Hibbert and Cory Cotton) strike a pose with Maiesha Kanieze and Abrar Ul Isloam. **Top right:** Jennifer Yin and Alex Ho hone their dribbling skills. **Bottom right:** Grade 6 student Maiesha Kanieze shows she's got game. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

The five American YouTubers have taken the online world by storm since 2008, posting videos of their basketball trick shots mixed with comic jabs addressing stereotypes in sports.

"You can feel the buzz in Toronto now that the Raptors are in the conference finals," Toney said, adding the team's success is what prompted them to come to the city.

> **It's cool that sport has definitely gone beyond just live games.**
> Tyler Toney

A recent Google survey found over half of Canadians aged 18-54 have turned to online channels to watch sports rather than turn on the TV for live events.

"That's the good thing about online; you can pause and rewind for a better and closer look," said Dude Perfect member Cory Cotton.

COUNTERFEITING

Beware the fake merch

Check the name on that jersey you hurriedly bought on your way to Jurassic Park. If it reads "Lowery" instead of Lowry, you've been a victim of counterfeit.

And you're not alone. As the final four teams battle for this year's NBA championship, the league is advising fans in Toronto to be wary of fake merchandise.

"Exciting times as the Toronto Raptors are in the Eastern Conference Finals for the first time in 21 years, but that also means another group is in town: counterfeiters," NBA spokeswoman Bonnie Stack said in a statement.

Counterfeiters are known to prey on excited and unsuspecting fans, making a quick buck by selling unauthorized and poorly designed merchandise, Stack said.

The NBA claims that during the Golden State Warriors' title run, San Francisco security agents seized $500,000 worth of fake basketball goods, including T-shirts, hats, flags and decals.

Since 1992, the league has seized and surrendered over 11 million counterfeit products, valued at more than $400 million.

The NBA says fans should check merchandise for the official hologram sticker or a sewn-in neck label. They should also purchase from reputable retailers, such as Real Sports Apparel or online at NBAStore.com. GILBERT NGABO/METRO

Website lists worst landlords

LandlordWatch.com uses city data to rank Toronto's "worst" landlords and rental buildings by the number of violations issued by inspectors since 2014. Metro mapped the 100 buildings with the most violations to see what wards have the most problems.

Steven Goetz
For Metro | Toronto

Getting the cracked ceiling or broken plumbing in your apartment fixed in a timely fashion shouldn't depend on the goodwill of your local councillor, tenant advocates in Toronto say.

As the city mulls a licensing regime for landlords in order to facilitate building inspections, critics of the existing system say it's too reliant on tenant complaints and proactive politicians.

"Tenants feel intimidated, some have language barriers or are afraid of evictions," said ACORN Canada's Natalie Hundt, who explained why tenants can be reluctant to call the city about problems in their homes.

"There are tenants out there who think inspectors are an extension of the police. Others are cynical and don't think calling will help them get results."

And many don't even know they can call 311 with a complaint, she said.

The end result is that complaints about leaky faucets or bedbugs are often fielded by city councillors, some of whom want the city to get proactive about tenant issues.

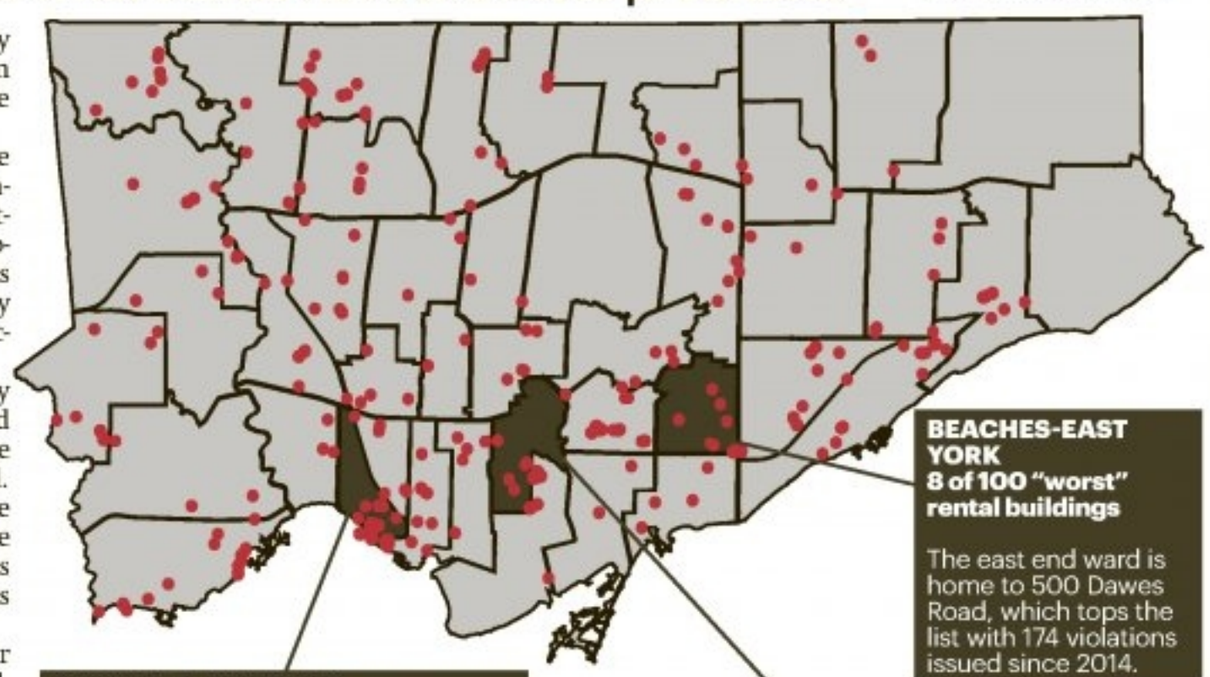
Coun. Gord Perks, whose Parkdale-High Park ward includes a number of the most-cited buildings in Toronto, supports a plan to force landlords to pay a licensing fee so the city can conduct building inspections more often.

"Where the councillor may not be as engaged, it would give staff a tool to go and take action on their own," he said.

Scarborough Coun. Glenn De Baeremaeker also supports the plan and believes the city needs to do more to inform tenants about their rights.

"If you work with us, your problem will get fixed," he said. "But you have to call, because right now we are a reactive system."

The issue will be debated at Thursday's municipal licensing and standards committee meeting.



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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Not just the city's burden: Advocates

Housing advocates in Canada's largest city say the cost to implement mandatory affordable housing should not be the city's burden alone.

And while Toronto waits for specific rules to dictate inclusionary zoning, tens of thousands of units are already in the midst of the approval process without any consistent way for planners to ensure at least some of those homes are affordable to rent or buy.

While Premier Kathleen Wynne's government has tabled new legislation to give cities that power, specific regulations that will outline responsibilities for cities, including for the city to provide incentives — what may include deferring development charges or property taxes — have yet to be decided.

The proposed legislation would also restrict provincial powers the city already has to charge developers for what are called Section 37 funds — typically cash contributions in exchange for building beyond prescribed height and density.

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Photo 'glitch' upsets parents

EXPECTING

Mothers 'stunned' by apparent similarities

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. But in the case of BabyView 3D Prenatal Images, the pictures are questionable and the words aren't pretty.

Several dozen expecting parents who have used the Pickering ultrasound service say they were all given the same photos and have been flooding Facebook with proof and angry comments.

Oshawa mother Jenn Cusimano, 32, discovered the problem Tuesday morning after she posted her May 4 ultrasound photo to a Facebook page of women expecting children in September.

When another mom-to-be posted the same ultrasound photo of her baby, taken a month earlier, Cusimano was "stunned."

The two women began exchanging messages and soon discovered they both lived in Oshawa and had both used the same imaging company. As they shared their story with others on social media and more women turned up with apparently identical photos, Cusimano decided to set up a Facebook page — "BabyView 3D Scam" — to warn other would-be parents.

By Wednesday evening, more than 900 people had joined the site and at least 30 expecting mothers were alleging their 3D ultrasound photos were frauds.

"I was pretty upset," said Cusimano, who is expecting her third child in September.

"I had one of the pictures in a frame at home and was showing it to my family. People would say, 'Oh, he looks just like Daddy.' But it's all just a big joke," she said in an interview Wednesday evening.

At least five or six different photos being shared by expectant mothers on Cusimano's site are the same as stock photos on the company's website, she said.

BabyView did not return the Star's phone or email messages for comment.

A message posted Wednesday morning on the company's Facebook page apologized to customers for what it said was a "technical glitch" that has since been fixed, adding that "several of our clients have become concerned regarding their babies (sic) images.

"Babyview is more then (sic) happy to adjust the situation and offer a re-scan of the services which were provided."

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Louise Thompson's prenatal images "taken" on April 13. They match image # 19 and 20 on the company's website. Thompson also bought a teddy bear which supposedly contains a tape recording of her baby's heartbeat. and wonders if this is a fraud too. COURTESY LOUISE THOMPSON

> **People would say, 'Oh, he looks just like Daddy.' But it's all just a big joke.**
> Jenn Cusimano

IN BRIEF

Beaten body found at Church and Wellesley

Homicide investigators are looking for a person of interest after a man suffering from blunt-force trauma was found dead in the Church and Wellesley area early Wednesday.

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Auditor General defends bargaining compensation

While "unusual," giving teacher unions $2.5 million to cover bargaining costs during the last round of negotiations was not out of bounds, the provincial Auditor General says.

She recommended — and the government has agreed — to end the practice "in order to avoid future perception concerns."

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Corporate, union money out of elections: Bill 181

The provincial government wants to ban all corporate and union donations for municipal candidates across Ontario, in attempt to "level the playing field."

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SAMMY YATIM SHOOTING

Video may play pivotal role in sentencing

The videos showing Const. James Forcillo shooting Sammy Yatim on a Dundas streetcar may count most as Superior Court Justice Edward Then decides what sentence the Toronto police officer should face for attempted murder.

"All I have to do is believe the video," Then observed, as Forcillo's lawyer Peter Brauti argued the court should accept as fact that Forcillo mistakenly believed he saw Yatim getting up after being shot.

Then seemed unconvinced.

It "defies logic and belief" that Forcillo could not discern the difference between a potential threat and an imminent threat when 18-year-old Yatim was lying on his back on the streetcar floor, he said.

The defence is seeking a sentence of two years on house arrest; the Crown eight to 10 years in prison.

Forcillo was acquitted of second-degree murder by a jury, a verdict that means the jury found the first three shots he fired at

Const. James Forcillo
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Yatim were fired in self-defence or were justified — or that the jury had reasonable doubt.

He was convicted of attempted murder for firing a second round of six shots at Yatim six seconds later. None of those shots were fatal.

Since the reasoning behind the jury's verdict remains secret, it is up to Justice Then to decide what happened based on the evidence so he can sentence Forcillo.

The Crown is expected to make their arguments later this week.

Justice Then has said it is likely he will reserve his decision.
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York Regional Police undercover officer Remo Romano enters court Monday. Romano was charged with dangerous driving after striking and killing Natasha Carla Abogado, inset, while on a non-urgent undercover operation.
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Mistrial in teen's death

YORK REGION

Police officer was charged in fatal collision with pedestrian

A mistrial has been declared in the case of a York Regional Police officer who killed a teenaged pedestrian while speeding during an undercover surveillance operation.

Prosecutors will take two weeks to decide whether they'll retry Const. Remo Romano's case, the court heard, after a jury couldn't reach a verdict following two days of deliberations. Remo had been charged with dangerous driving causing death in the 2014 collision that killed 18-year-old Carla Abogado.

In notes to Ontario Superior Court Justice Ian Nordheimer, jurors described themselves as being deadlocked, at a stalemate and finally, on Wednesday afternoon, at a permanent impasse.

After Nordheimer declared a mistrial and discharged the jury, Romano shared emotional hugs with his family.

Abogado's family wasn't in court when the mistrial was declared.

As they left the courthouse later they told a reporter: "We are physically and emotionally stressed. We just want justice for Carla."

The case returns to court on June 1. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Warning letters for illegal pot retailers

POLICE

Dispensaries sprouting up across the city

The city's crackdown on unlicensed pot dispensaries began Wednesday as Toronto police delivered warning letters to property owners across the city.

The letters are "designed to remind them of what their obligations are under the law," and suggest possible consequences, Toronto Police Service spokesman Mark Pugash said Wednesday. He wasn't prepared to say how many letters were issued, but Toronto currently has more than 100 marijuana storefronts, surpassing Vancouver as the cannabis capital of Canada.

Those found guilty of contravening zoning bylaws could face fines of up to $50,000 for a corporation and $25,000 for an individual.

The marijuana dispensaries flanking a retail clothing store on Spadina Avenue near College Street are two of more than 100 marijuana storefronts in Toronto. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Ottawa has promised to legalize pot for recreational use and introduce a legalized regulatory framework. Currently, however, the only legal source of marijuana is that grown for medical purposes by licensed producers approved by Health Canada. Prescription holders can only receive their supply in the mail.

Although the government has done nothing to legalize marijuana yet, dozens of pot retailers have popped up around the city and supporters argue they should be left alone.

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SURVEY

Marijuana outlets losing support: Poll

A shrinking but sizable number of Torontonians think the medicinal marijuana dispensaries popping up all over the city should be allowed to remain open.

A Forum Research poll of 804 Torontonians conducted Monday also found most people are hazy on whether the shops, some of which sell pot with no prescription required, are legal.

Asked if the dispensaries should be allowed to remain open, 48 per cent of respondents said yes, 36 per cent said no and 17 per cent didn't know.

That approval level is down from late March when more than half of Torontonians — 57 per cent — said the dispensaries should be allowed to operate, with 30 per cent saying no and 13 per cent unsure.

Just over three-quarters of respondents agreed with Mayor John Tory that marijuana dispensaries need to be regulated, to keep them away from schools and community centres. Some 16 per cent disagreed and 8 per cent didn't know.

Just over half of Torontonians agreed with Tory that the proliferation of pot shops — the number has surpassed 100 in a matter of weeks — is "alarming" while just under one-third disagreed and 16 per cent didn't know.

"It appears that, while one half still accepts the right of these places to dispense their wares, even in their neighbourhoods, the majority also accepts that there need to be regulations in place," said Forum Research president Lorne Bozinoff.

Forum's interactive voice response telephone survey of randomly selected voters is considered accurate plus or minus 4 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Other findings include:

Some 42 per cent of Torontonians don't know if the dispensaries are legal or not, compared to 32 per cent who say they are legal and 26 per cent who don't know.

Almost one-quarter of respondents say there is a pot dispensary in their neighbourhood — a percentage that has doubled since a survey in late March.

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Spider-Man gets no respect

STREET PERFORMERS

Bylaw officers hauling busker off to court

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Mark Zilio — a.k.a. Toronto Spider-Man — is catching tickets just like flies.

The friendly neighborhood busker was given summons to appear in court by city bylaw officers Tuesday while dressed in his Spider-Man costume at the southwest corner of Yonge and Dundas.

In a video uploaded to Facebook, Zilio, who also goes by Peter Parkour, can be seen explaining to officers that he was not busking at the time, merely wearing the costume to pose for a friend's video.

Despite his protests he was ticketed for undertaking a performance that may pose a danger to the public and being located less than nine metres from an intersection.

"I've been street performing at Yonge and Dundas for three years without issue," Zilio says in a separate Facebook video. "Today the bylaw has decided to take my license deeming I was unsafely climbing at the intersection and endangering the public but I don't feel so."

Zilio plans on fighting the charges in court. He also said he will be circulating a petition asking for support from the public.

"This is far from over," he said. "I don't take to it. I don't accept it and I plead not guilty."

The incident comes at a time when some city councillors are calling for buskers to be banned from Yonge-Dundas and other busy intersections, citing high pedestrian traffic.

"Sometimes it's so congested that people are stepping into roadways to try to avoid the buskers and the audience around them. It's just very unsafe," Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam told Metro in a previous interview. However, Wong-Tam's motion asking for a temporary moratorium on street performers at Yonge and Dundas was defeated at council earlier this month.

Toronto Spider-Man, whose real name is Mark Zilio, leaps over bystanders near Yonge-Dundas Square. Zilio was given a citation by bylaw officers but plans to appeal. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Buskerfest is leaving downtown

After 16 years downtown, Toronto's BuskerFest is headed to the beach.

The popular festival — known for taking over a stretch of Yonge Street to showcase feats of street performing prowess — is relocating to Woodbine Park this year.

News of the move comes two weeks after council considered banning buskers from performing on busy downtown streets. Ultimately, however, a motion on the moratorium was defeated.

Festival organizers say the decision to change venues has nothing to do with the criticism. "We made the decision to move long before the motion was mentioned," said Drew Woodley, director of communications for Toronto International Buskerfest. "Our new area has more open spaces and better sight lines."

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"Our new area has more open spaces."
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Intercept order brings backlash

YORK REGION

School board backpedals on letter-wresting campaign

The York Region District School Board ruffled feathers recently with a directive asking that principals intercept a letter being sent to parent councils. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The York Region school board caused an uproar among principals by demanding they intercept a letter sent to all parent councils — even ordering them to send the document, "including the envelope it arrived in," to head office.

But, two days later, the board backed down from the demand after the Ontario Principals' Council intervened, expressing concerns they'd heard in a flood of questions over the directive, which targeted a controversial letter from a parent coalition.

"What kind of relationship will we have with our families and communities when they feel we are going to go and take their mail and send it to the board office?" said one York principal, who did not wish to be identified for fear of reprisal.

"It is unfair for the board to do this to us and make us act as police. Some of our communities, it took us a long time to build trust, and all this does is ruin all our work. But I feel like this does not matter to our board anymore."

The email sent out by senior staff last Wednesday told principals to confiscate the "anonymous letters (sent) via postal delivery to the attention of the school and school council chairs," who head the advisory body comprising mostly parents.

"The content of these letters continues to be unfounded, and the author(s) of such letters continue to act anonymously," said the email.

The unsigned letter the board references is from a parent group calling itself the Coalition for Good Governance. Among other things, it details Torstar News Service's ongoing investigation, which has raised questions about the board's leadership as well as allegations of trustee interference, and an unusual 10-year contract granted to an inexperienced director who was also guaranteed a job for life once it expires.

Following inquiries from the provincial body that represents principals, on Friday afternoon the board sent out a clarification that said letters to school council chairs, it said, "should be delivered … as they normally would" and chairs are then asked to forward them to police for an ongoing investigation.

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Woman's story sparks debate

OTTAWA

Jenna Vecchio was told by gym her attire was inappropriate

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Social media was abuzz Wednesday after an Ottawa woman who was told by gym staff that her breasts were too large for her tank top went public with her story on Facebook.

As Metro first reported, Jenna Vecchio says a staff member at the Orleans Movati approached her and her husband last Saturday and said other members apparently reported they were offended by her attire.

Jenna Vecchio JOE LOFARO/METRO

Vecchio said in an interview she felt "humiliated" and singled out, as other women in the gym at the time were also wearing tank tops.

Facebook user Christian Tomiak said, "How about people start working out and stop going to look at people. If you're in the zone no one around you exists. People are too sensitive these days live your life and deal with sh–."

The story sparked a heated debate online about body image and even caught the attention of one British newspaper, The Independent.

FORT MCMURRAY

'Nothing' without volunteers

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Since the first wave of Fort McMurray evacuees arrived in early May, the Edmonton Emergency Relief Services Society has provided necessities for almost 50,000 people.

Making it happen is a small army of volunteers. And for a brief period Wednesday, I joined them.

I'm immediately directed to a small office where I sign a waiver, tick off boxes vouching for my ability to lift 30 pounds and don a reflective vest.

After a safety talk and orientation, I'm pointed in the direction of the nearest sorting table. Supervisor Jay Gold steers me over to a heap of boxes.

I'm amazed by the generosity of donors. Some donations are bulk while others are carefully curated. I open a box with sheets decorated with cars, packed with two tiny teddy bears.

Gold estimates they've already handed out about $10 million in goods, with another $10-12 million ready to go, but stresses that none of it have been possible without the hundreds of people who have showed up to help.

Metro's Alex Boyd, right, and Jay Gould. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

"Without these volunteers we'd be nothing," Gold says.

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PM apologizes after Commons scuffle

POLITICS

Trudeau is accused of 'manhandling'

Rebecca Williams
Metro | Toronto

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair got into a heated exchange in the House of Commons on Wednesday as MPs gathered to vote on the Liberal government's controversial assisted-dying bill.

Video shows Trudeau taking the arm of Opposition Whip Gordon Brown in the crowd of MPs before the argument erupts.

Mulcair is shown yelling in the direction of Trudeau as the prime minister walks towards the NDP leader.

MPs then get between the two in apparent effort to separate them.

Justin Trudeau and Tom Mulcair during the exchange in the House of Commons on Wednesday. SCREENGRAB

Trudeau, who physically took Brown by the arm, later told the House that he was trying to help the Opposition Whip as MPs were blocking the whip from his seat.

NDP House Leader Peter Julian accused Trudeau of "manhandling" Brown and MP Ruth-Ellen Brosseau told the House that she had been "elbowed in the chest" by the prime minister.

Trudeau got up to "apologize unreservedly" for the altercation.

Trudeau's apology was dismissed by the Opposition as a non-apology. NDP MP Niki Ashton suggested the shoving of Brosseau would qualify as assault outside the walls of Parliament. The Commons Speaker ruled that on its face, Trudeau's conduct was a breach of parliamentary privilege and referred it to the Commons procedure and house affairs committee, which could recommend Trudeau be sanctioned in some way.

> **"I apologize for that unreservedly and I look for opportunities to make amends.**
> Justin Trudeau

Afterwards, Conservative and NDP House leaders stood together to denounce Trudeau's behaviour as disgraceful.

Former Speaker, Conservative MP Andrew Scheer said Trudeau "looked like he clearly lost his temper" when he charged down the aisle to move whip Brown along.

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JOHN MCCALLUM

Minister calls his remarks 'insensitive'

Immigration Minister John McCallum says his suggestion there's a cultural element driving Syrian refugees to food banks was insensitive and he regrets it.

Food banks from Halifax to B.C. have reported serving hundreds of Syrians who have come to Canada since November, the month the Liberal government launched a major resettlement program to bring 25,000 people by the end of February and thousands more by the end of this year.

The question of why came up Wednesday at a Senate committee studying the refugee resettlement program and McCallum initially pinpointed two reasons: the fact refugees do not have high levels of income upon arrival and something else.

"There may be a cultural element," he said. "You have to remember the refugees are coming from an entirely different world.

"Our world is very different than their world. Sometimes they have been living in refugee camps; maybe it's the norm to be offered meals. I'm not overly concerned about this."

But later Wednesday McCallum met with reporters outside the House of Commons to take back those remarks.

"The remark I made about food banks I think was insensitive so I regret having made that comment," he said.

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Syrian refugees Ziad Zeina, left, and his wife Wafaa Al Safadi leave their new home in Queensland, N.S., on April 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Traumatized Chibok girl reunited with her mother

NIGERIA

19-year-old is first to be recovered since kidnappings

One of the teenagers kidnapped by Boko Haram extremists over two years ago from a boarding school in northeastern Nigeria has been found with a baby and was reunited with her mother, a doctor said Wednesday — the first of the Chibok girls to be recovered since the mass abduction.

The 19-year-old woman, described by an uncle as traumatized by her experience, was found wandering with her baby on Tuesday on the fringes of the remote Sambisa Forest, which is located near Nigeria's border with Cameroon.

The news gave hope to the families of the 218 girls who are still missing and may provide information as to their whereabouts.

This image from video posted by Boko Haram purports to show the kidnapped Chibok schoolgirls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

But the young woman told her mother that some of the Chibok girls have died in captivity and the others still are being held, according to her family's doctor, Idriss Danladi, who spoke to The Associated Press after talking with the mother.

On April 14, 2014, Boko Haram stormed and firebombed the Government Girls Secondary School at Chibok and seized 276 girls preparing for science exams. Dozens managed to escape in the first hours, but 219 remained captive.

The young woman is the first of those captives to be found since the kidnapping, which grabbed worldwide attention and put a spotlight on the violence of Nigeria's homegrown Islamic extremists.

"God reigns!" one of the founders of the Bring Back Our Girls movement, Oby Ezekwesili, trumpeted on social media. "OUR #ChibokGirl ... IS BACK!!!!!!! #218ShallBeBack because #HopeEndures."

At least 16 of the girls' parents have died since the kidnapping, Bitrus said.

The inability of Nigeria's government and military to rescue the girls led, in part, to last year's electoral defeat of President Goodluck Jonathan, who was seen as uncaring.

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SOUTH AMERICA

Two more quakes hit Ecuador

Two powerful earthquakes jolted Ecuador on Wednesday, causing one death and injuring dozens.

Neither appeared to have caused serious damage but the government decided to cancel school nationwide as a precaution. In Guayaquil, office workers fled into the streets after the second quake.

Both tremors were centred along the Pacific coast near the epicenter of last month's magnitude-7.8 quake and rattled homes as far away as the capital, Quito.

Wednesday's initial shake was a magnitude-6.7 quake that struck before 3 a.m., and that was followed by a 6.8 tremor around midday.

President Rafael Correa said one person died in Manabi province in confusing circumstances that were still being investigated. At least 85 people were injured, two of them seriously.

"These sorts of aftershocks are normal but that doesn't mean they're not scary and can cause damage," Correa said in a televised address after the first quake. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENVIRONMENT

Earth's thermostat stuck on high

Thanks to a combination of global warming and an El Nino, the planet shattered monthly heat records for an unprecedented 12th straight month, as April smashed the old record by half a degree, according to U.S. federal scientists.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) monthly climate calculation said Earth's average temperature in April was 13.7 C. That's 1.1 C warmer than the 20th-century average and well past the old record set in 2010.

The Southern Hemisphere led the way, with Africa, South America and Asia all having their warmest Aprils on record, NOAA climate scientist Ahira Sanchez-Lugo said.

The last month that wasn't record hot was April 2015. The last month Earth wasn't hotter than the 20th-century average was December 1984, and the last time Earth set a monthly cold record was almost a hundred years ago, in December 1916, according to NOAA records.

13.7 C
Earth's average temperature in April

"These kinds of records may not be that interesting, but so many in a row that break the previous records by so much indicates that we're entering uncharted climatic territory (for modern human society)," said Texas A&M University climate scientist Andrew Dessler.

At NOAA's climate-monitoring headquarters, "we are feeling like broken records stating the same thing" each month, Sanchez-Lugo said.

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Two survivors after a landslide in Elangipitiya village in Aranayaka, Sri Lanka, on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hundreds of families go missing

SRI LANKA

As rain falls, officials warn more slides could occur

Soldiers and police used sticks and bare hands Wednesday to dig through enormous piles of mud covering houses in three villages hit by massive landslides in central Sri Lanka, with hundreds of families reported missing.

By evening, rescuers had pulled 17 bodies from the mud and debris unleashed by several days of heavy rain across the island nation. Officials said the extent of the tragedy was still unclear, but the Sri Lankan Red Cross said at least 220 families were unaccounted for.

"The task is to figure out what happened to them," the Red Cross said in a statement, noting that some people may have left after local officials warned earlier this week of possible landslides.

Heavy fog, rain, electrical outages and the loose ground were complicating efforts to search for survivors. As night fell, the rescue operation was suspended until dawn. Officials warned that, with rain still falling, more landslides could occur in the area.

Villagers said torrents of muddy water, tree branches and debris came crashing down around their homes Tuesday in the three villages, located at different heights on the same hill in Kegalle District, about 72 kilometres north of Colombo.

A landslide survivor carries her dog as she walks on the mud. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I heard a huge sound like a plane crashing into the Earth," said 52-year-old A.G. Kamala, who had just returned to her house in one of the villages, Siripura, when the landslides hit. "I opened my door. I could not believe my eyes, as I saw something like a huge fireball rolling down the mountain."

Near the village of Elangapitiya — furthest down the hill — soldiers carried bodies to a school, where families waited for news of missing loved ones.

Farmer Hewapelige Lal said he had identified the body of his nephew, but that 18 other family members were possibly buried under the mud. He and his wife had left their home to take fruit to a daughter who lived elsewhere, but at some point his wife turned back.

"That was the last time I saw her," Lal said, sobbing. When he heard of the landslide, he rushed home but found the area covered with thick, heavy mud. "All I could do was scream."

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$1.43 million

Tax deadline goof may have cost the Canadian Revenue Agency big money in lost interest.

The taxman had to forgo as much as $1.5 million in interest when the Canada Revenue Agency extended last year's tax filing deadline after mistakenly giving the wrong date.

Agency officials estimated that moving the income-tax returns deadline to May 5, from the usual April 30 midnight deadline, meant $1.43 million in lost interest from Canadians who filed their taxes late over those five days, according to documents released under the Access to Information Act.

The information comes more than a year after Torstar News Service first requested details about the error that likely resulted from repeating an old message, or possibly copying and pasting information from 2014, when a five-day extension was granted to taxpayers due to a hacking incident.

The $1.43-million figure assumes all tax payments — totalling $2.09 billion — were late by five days, based on a five-percent interest rate, but the CRA said it has no way of knowing what the true financial impact was. By May 6, it had received 24.7 million individual tax returns, in line with projections.

The $1.43-million estimate was provided to show "a worst-case scenario," CRA spokesman David Walters said in an email.

"It is not possible to determine the exact cost as we do not know when individuals would have filed and paid their taxes, if the extension had not been granted," Walters said.

Last April, the agency did not disclose cost implications, stating that "given the extended period is short, and most taxpayers filed by April 30, the costs resulting from the filing extension will be negligible."

Immediately after the deadline was extended, Torstar News Service filed two separate requests for information under the Access to Information Act. One asked for the financial implications of lost revenue related to the extension, which was released last week as part of 38 pages of documents, while the other asked how the mistake was made and discovered.

That request is still outstanding, though the released documents hint at how the error was made.

Even though income taxes are due April 30 annually, the CRA has a long-standing practice of giving Canadians who file electronic returns a five-day grace period in case of transmission problems or technical difficulties.

The grace period message is posted on the EFILE webpage annually and sent to approximately 45,000 tax preparers indicating that if they have transmission errors, late filing penalties will not be assessed as long as the tax return is submitted within five business days of April 30.

"The grace period message is considered to be routine in nature and is posted on the EFILE webpage annually. It is sent to EFILERS using an email distribution system," reads a draft report dated May 4.

In another draft report, dated June 2, the agency said: "This year's message was posted on the CRA website on Friday, April 24, 2015. It was incorrect and provided an extension of filing deadline for all, similar to the message that went out last year where a filing extension was given due to heartbleed," the document reads.

"Heartbleed" refers to the Heartbleed Bug, a software flaw discovered in 2014 that could expose online passwords and sensitive personal information.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

CIBC chief reiterates policy on harassment

The CEO of CIBC sent a note to all employees Wednesday, reiterating the company's non-tolerance for workplace harassment after a former worker filed a wrongful dismissal lawsuit against the bank and a former executive director that alleges she was sexually assaulted and harassed.

Diane Vivares, a former associate in the bank's equity markets group, is seeking more than $1 million in damages from CIBC World Markets and Kevin Carter, a former executive director at the bank.

In a lawsuit filed with the Ontario Superior Court in December, Vivares alleges Carter sexually assaulted her at a company Christmas party in 2007 by shoving his hand down her skirt twice.

Carter denies the allegations in his statement of defence.

Vivares claims the bank also failed to protect her from future instances of sexual harassment, instead allowing a "sexually poisoned and toxic work environment" to develop.

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The City of Toronto, TTC, Waterfront Toronto together with Metrolinx are working to bring more transit to communities across the city with connections throughout the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

During May and June, we have organized meetings for you to learn more about integrated transit planning and provide your feedback on key transit studies underway.

SMARTTRACK AND GO REGIONAL EXPRESS RAIL

Updates will be presented for integration of SmartTrack and GO Regional Express Rail to improve rapid transit service on three GO corridors in Toronto. Options for extension of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT west to Pearson Airport will also be discussed.

RELIEF LINE

Results of the evaluation of alignment options will be presented, including proposed locations for stations entrances.

SCARBOROUGH TRANSIT PLANNING

Updates of the evaluation of options for the Scarborough Subway Extension will be presented. Options for an LRT connecting Kennedy Station and the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus along Eglinton Avenue, Kingston Road and Morningside Avenue will also be presented.

WATERFRONT TRANSIT "RESET"

The vision for a comprehensive waterfront transit network will be introduced. Preliminary transit concepts and their associated evaluation framework will be introduced and discussed.

THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS WILL FOCUS ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS AS NOTED.

Wednesday, May 25 & Thursday, May 26
WATERFRONT TRANSIT "RESET"

(CENTRAL)
Harbourfront Centre
235 Queens Quay West
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Presentation at 6:30 pm

(WEST)
John English Junior Middle School
95 Mimico Avenue
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Presentation at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 31
SCARBOROUGH TRANSIT PLANNING
Scarborough Civic Centre
150 Borough Drive
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Presentation at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 1
SMARTTRACK
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
South Building, Room 801
222 Bremner Boulevard
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Presentation at 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 2
RELIEF LINE
Riverdale Collegiate
1094 Gerrard St East
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Presentation at 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 4
SMARTTRACK (WEST)
York Humber High School
100 Emmett Avenue
9:30 am – 11:30 am
Presentation at 10:00 am

Tuesday, June 21
TRANSIT NETWORK PLANNING
City Hall
Members' Lounge
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3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Presentation at 5:00 pm

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON MARYAM MONSEF

The minister in charge of fulfilling the promise of a new voting system has failed to offer any evidence that her government has an agenda other than having its own way.

In parliamentary politics, little is more self-defeating than a minister who consistently insults the intelligence of his or her critics. Sooner or later the approach inevitably backfires.

For a case in point one only need to look at the last Parliament.

Former GTA MP Paul Calandra rose to fame in the House of Commons as Stephen Harper's last parliamentary secretary at a time when the Senate scandal was in full swing. In that capacity, he would usually take questions from the opposition leaders when the prime minister was away.

Obfuscation was Calandra's specialty. He seemed to take pride in turning question period into a gong show. In no time his desk became the place where issues of substance came to die.

For those with short memories, here is the answer he offered in response to a Liberal query about the Senate in December 2013: "I ask the Liberal party to join with us in protecting the citizenship of Santa Claus, join with us in making sure the North Pole remains part of Canada. For all of those kids around the world who are depending on Santa Claus, I ask them to abandon their ideas and stick with us, and keep Santa Claus Canadian."

This is just one of a tiresome number of examples. At one point a website devoted to Calandra quotes was created. There was never a shortage of new material to refresh it. By the time he lost his seat last October, he had become the poster boy for the Conservative government's disdain for the contribution of the opposition parties to the parliamentary debate.

There is not yet a match for Calandra on the Liberal side in the House of Commons but Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef is auditioning for the role.

For the better part of a week, the minister in charge of fulfilling Justin Trudeau's promise of a new voting system in time for the 2019 election has failed to offer any concrete evidence that her government has an agenda other than having its own way with the electoral process.

Pressed by the opposition parties, she has defaulted to bromides. Like Calandra, she is prone to explanations that defy logic. The difference is Monsef does it with a smile.

Her proposed electoral reform committee is to be dominated by the Liberals. It will report to a House where a Liberal majority calls the shot. On the notion that the government is stacking the decks in its partisan favour, most independent outsiders concur with the opposition. But Monsef maintains that the fate of the reform is in the hands of all MPs. The opposition is free to propose as long as it is the Liberals who dispose.

In response to Conservative calls for a referendum to be held prior to the introduction of a different voting system the minister initially offered a tally of tweets on the issue of electoral reform. Had she read them Monsef might have found a groundswell of opposition to her chosen process.

Alternatively the minister argues that a plebiscite is not an effective option to sound out Canadians on the way forward because some voters would decline to participate. The underlying contention is that summer-long government-controlled parliamentary hearings and town halls are more inclusive. It is an unsustainable proposition.

By offering asinine answers to questions that resonate well beyond the opposition benches of the Commons Monsef has so far succeeded in burning bridges where she should have been building some. Even before it has gotten underway the Liberal electoral reform process is largely discredited.

It would be tempting to put this train wreck to the inexperience of a rookie minister but a government can count on the benefit of the doubt for only so long.

In the case of Calandra, for instance, observers did initially wonder whether he might not simply be out of his depth.

But at some point the answer ceased to matter, for no government minimally respectful of Parliament would have allowed its affairs to be conducted in such a farcical manner. The same will soon be true of Monsef's disingenuous handling of the electoral reform file.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

If we want legal pot, we need to face facts

Rosemary Westwood
Metro | Toronto

Dear pot smokers: Please don't f--k this up.

We are on the verge of legalization. This is a pivotal moment in our country. And some of you — actually statistically about half of you — are ruining it. In a recent survey, conducted by State Farm, 44 per cent of marijuana users said they don't think the drug impacts their ability to drive a car.

Come on, you'd have to be high to believe that. I'm a little sad to have to spell this out for you, but if pot didn't have an effect on your brain, you wouldn't use it. It might be green and fuzzy like a muppet, but it's a drug. Please treat it like one.

At least agree that limits to THC levels, as with blood alcohol, are good. Perhaps you need evidence: While much more research needs to be done on marijuana and its impact on the body (and undoubtedly will be, once pot is legalized), a 2009 meta-analysis from Yale and a 2015 study from the National Institute on Drug Abuse in the U.S. both showed that being stoned makes you a worse driver. If that surprises you, please re-read from the beginning. Maybe you got distracted by a flea.

The whole saviour complex some of you have with weed really needs to stop. You can't advocate for its medical effectiveness on one hand, and its lack of bodily effects on the other. You know the cliché that stoners are dumb? Please don't give it statistical grounding. For example, don't say, as 20 per cent of you did in the survey, that you will never stop driving high.

Also — please consider a different spokesperson than can usually be found at a 4/20 rally: the middle-class rasta-wannabe college white guy with a phallic joint the size of a banana.

That guy is not the reason this country needs to legalize pot. His individual desire to get baked pales in comparison to our country's need to save the estimated $1.2 billion we spend every year enforcing marijuana-possession laws. Or our need to avoid tens of thousands of arrests, and the impact they have most especially on people who can't afford a slick lawyer and those racially targeted by police. Nevermind how unimportant rasta-dude's carefree toking is compared to someone's search for relief from chronic pain.

You know that feeling when you're out of rollies? That's how I feel right now. Disappointed. Pot legislation is only a year away. I should be feeling good. Please stop crushing my vibe.

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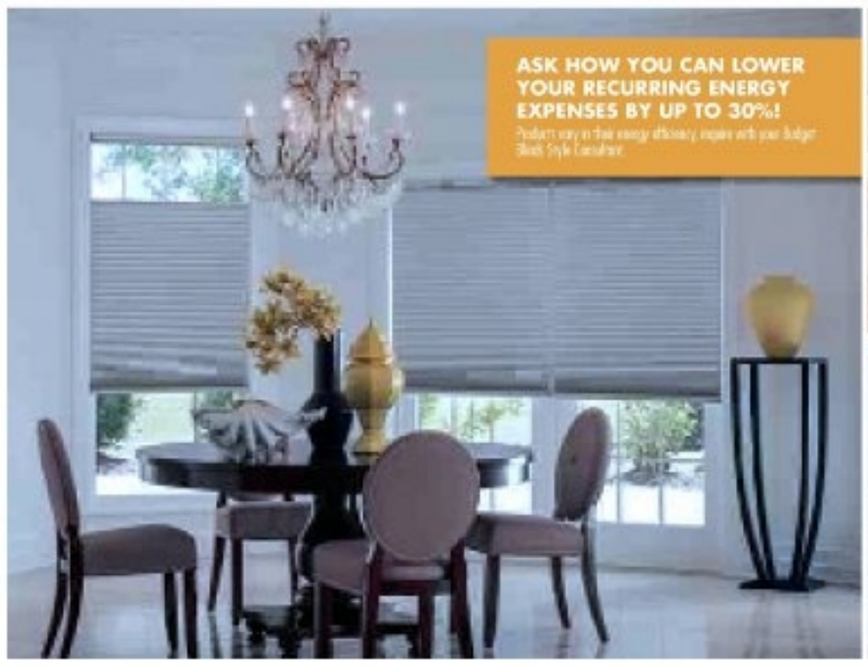

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An account that can't just be deleted

INTERVIEW

Lindy West is ready to leave Twitter after facing her past

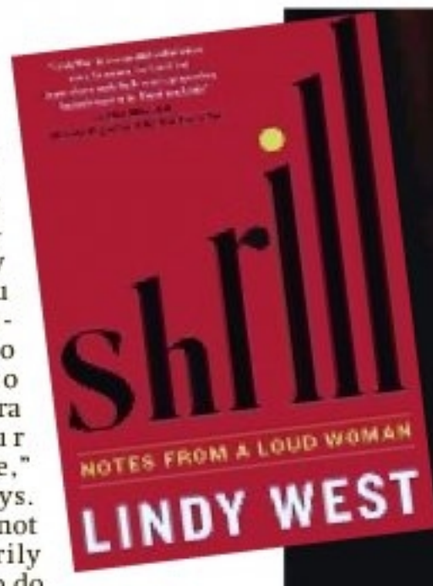
Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When Lindy West was young, there were few signs that she would grow up to become a vocal feminist icon, online warrior and activist for the fat-acceptance movement.

That's one of the few surprises in her debut book, Shrill: Notes from a Loud Woman, in which West describes how she evolved from a clinically shy "terror-stricken mouse person" who peed her pants in Grade One out of fear of asking to go to the washroom, to an "unflappable human vuvuzela."

Written with West's signature wry comedic style, Shrill is both a heartfelt memoir and a passionate manifesto, revealing much more of her emotional life and, by extension, her vulnerability than she ever could — or wanted to — in a newspaper column, blog post or tweet.

"I've written really personal things, but never quite this personal. Writing a memoir really gives you permission to dig into the viscera of your own life," West says. "There's not necessarily a place to do that in political and pop-culture writing. So okay, I'm going to analyze and tackle myself."



As her own subject, the Portland writer had to research her life, reliving some painful times, including the death of her beloved father.

When West found her childhood diary, it took her about four months just to crack it open.

"I didn't want to confront those feelings," she says. "I didn't want to discover that I was wrong about the way I remember things because that's a weird, disorienting feeling. But you have to fact-check your life."

Feminist icon Lindy West refused to give in to the social media trolls. COURTESY JENNY JIMENEZ

Equally as painful are the book's descriptions of the vitriol she experiences as a Twitter celebrity. West's success has risen with online culture, from her time as a columnist at feminist website Jezebel back to her early days as a film critic for the Seattle alternative newspaper The Stranger, working under famed editor Dan Savage.

A chapter in the book details a challenging time in their relationship during which West called him out for his views on fat women (Savage has since come around and now consults West and others on being sensitive toward the topic before writing.)

To say that West has a complicated relationship with the internet is a giant understatement.

Her views on topics like misogyny in stand-up comedy and abortion have made her a constant target for trolls who attack her with gleeful violence. But Shrill makes clear that despite their efforts and the effect it's had on her life, West has landed on top. Which is perhaps why she is contemplating giving up Twitter and more than 68,000 followers.

> **I'm curious to know what it would feel like to not have a constant drip of toxicity into my arm 24/7**
> Lindy West, on Twitter

"I'm really ready to be done. I didn't want to quit at the height of being trolled and harassed because that's what they want. But I don't know that it adds much to my life anymore," says West. "I don't think that's good for me or my career anymore, and I'm curious to know what it would feel like to not have a constant drip of toxicity into my arm 24/7."

Even if West disappears from social media, don't expect she'll give up the fight, or writing.

"I have lots and lots of choices and no plans," she says. "It's a fun place to be. The future is all opportunity."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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Metro's WILDERNESS SURVIVAL GUIDE

The Victoria Day long weekend is the unofficial kickoff to summer and a tempting time to venture out on excursions. But what if things don't go as planned?

LIZ BROWN/METRO

The wilderness is, well, wild. And given the chance, it will try very hard to kill you. It's an easy thing to forget as you pack for an outdoor adventure surrounded by the comforts of civilization.

Metro spoke to Nick Buck, head instructor of the British Columbia-based survival school Survival In Canada who shared a few simple tips for what to do when your wilderness adventure travels up s—t creek.

THE 5 Cs OF SURVIVAL

1. **Cutting device:** A pocket knife
2. **Combustion device:** Buck recommends bringing and learning to use a ferro rod (a man-made metallic rod that produces sparks when scraped across a rough surface) and packing cotton pads and petroleum jelly. "You make a sandwich out of two cotton pads and a blob of petroleum jelly and light one spark on it and it'll burn for 10-15 minutes," he says. This gives you time to get wood burning.
3. **Cordage:** Paracord can be purchased at any outdoor supply store and makes building a shelter easy. Learning to tie a few knots can come in handy, too.
4. **Container:** A metal (not plastic) canteen for carrying and boiling water.
5. **Cover:** A clear plastic drop sheet for building a shelter. Buck also recommends bringing a couple of garbage bags that can be stuffed with leaves to create a makeshift mattress to prevent the loss of body heat from lying directly on the cold ground.

OTHER MUST-HAVE EMERGENCY ITEMS:

- A water filter like a Life Straw or water purification tablets
- A change of dry clothes, stored in a dry bag or freezer bag
- Ribbon to mark the trail in case you get lost

SHARE YOUR PLANS

Let people know about your trip. "You can't get lost if people know where you are," says Buck. Write down the details and give them to friends or family members. Include when you're leaving, where you're going, your planned routes and when you expect to be back. Let these people know you'll call them when you return and if you don't call them, they're to call you. "If a rescue party does need to go out and search for you at least they'll know where to look," says Buck.

YOU'RE LOST

Stop and stay calm. "You're probably not as lost as you think you are," says Buck. Mark the spot where you're standing with ribbon and then wander around the area looking for the trail you've lost while keeping the ribbon in sight. If you can't find the trail or figure out where you're supposed to be going, you'll need to hunker down and wait for someone to find you. "The good news is 90 per cent of survival situations are resolved within 72 hours," he says.

YOU'RE HYPOTHERMIC

According to Buck, the biggest risk people face in a survival situation is hypothermia. "Your body operates in a narrow temperature band and if it's out of that band for about three hours then you're in trouble," he says. If you're wet, change into dry clothes and focus on starting a fire.

YOU NEED SHELTER

A shelter from wind and rain is crucial for preventing hypothermia. Tie paracord between two trees and hang a clear plastic drop sheet over the top about one metre away from your fire. Clear plastic captures heat from the fire and creates a 'microclimate.'

YOU NEED WATER

Boiling water will kill all biological pathogens, so you need to carry a metal canteen that can be heated. Carrying chlorine tablets or a portable water filter like a Life Straw is also a good idea. "You can survive about three days without water," says Buck.

YOU NEED FOOD

"Food is your last concern," says Buck, adding humans can survive an average of three weeks in the wild without food. Pack an emergency stash of high energy foods like trail mix and protein bars.

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Wendel Clark lists his Muskoka cottage on Airbnb

MEET THE CONDO

Spaces that are out of this world

Project overview

Part of the vibrant, new Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, Cosmos Condominiums is a master-planned community with a park at its centre. It features futuristic architecture and ultra-modern suites with a wide range of amenities.

Building amenities

Here's a feature-rich condo with indoor swimming pool, hot tub, exercise room, yoga room and a golf simulator. There's also a party room and private dining lounge, an outdoor terrace, barbecue area and dog wash station.

Location and transit

Cosmos is steps from the future Vaughan Metropolitan Centre TTC subway station, to get you into downtown Toronto, as well as VIVA and YRT bus routes. Drivers are close to highways 407 and 400.

DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO

In the neighbourhood

Vaughan's vibrant new downtown will have multi-use office towers, residential residences, open green space, restaurants, hotels and pedestrian shopping. Nearby is a Walmart Supercentre, Lowes, York University and the Vaughan Mills shopping centre.

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Architect: Kirkor Architects
Designer: Tanner Hill Associates Inc.
Location: 2951 Highway 7 W., in Vaughan
Building: Tower A will be 35 storeys with 396 units
Sizes: 500 to 1,298 sq. ft.
Pricing: From the mid-$200,000s to $600,000s
Suites: One bedroom, one bedroom plus den, two bedroom, two bedroom plus den, three bedroom
Status: Pre-construction
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LEGAL MATTERS

Find line where unit ends and building starts

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro | Canada

Q: We purchased a 35-year-old condo last year and decided it was time to replace the dated broadloom that was in both of the bedrooms. When we removed the carpeting from the guest bedroom, we discovered that the underlying parquet floor was damaged by water near the window.

Thinking this was probably where the former owners had overwatered plants, we proceeded to install the new carpet and didn't think anything more about it — until, a couple weeks ago, we had a particularly heavy rainstorm accompanied by high winds. When I approached the window to close the blinds, the new carpeting was soaked and it was obvious that water had seeped in from the window.

Now what do we do?

A: The first stop on your solution is to determine for sure where the water was coming from. In older condos, the water often seeps through aged windows that may need to be resealed. Usually, the condominium corporation would be responsible for sealing the exterior windows, doors and cladding. However, you will have to check the declaration to see where your unit ends and the building starts. If the condo is responsible, you will have to approach management to get them to remedy the problem.

You should be wary about taking your time doing this because moisture in walls, carpets and under rugs is a perfect environment for the development of mould. This could be a much larger problem than initially thought, and professional tradespeople should be called upon to make sure the property is dry, secure and mould free. The condo corp may be in for a much larger remedial invoice.

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The province's plan will impact housing prices

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

Last week, the provincial government proposed policy changes that will significantly increase intensification across the GTA and mean more highrise condos, more congestion, less housing choice and higher housing prices.

In its regional Growth Plan, the government is proposing to increase the amount of development that must be accommodated within established areas from 40 per cent to 60 per cent. For cities like Toronto and Mississauga, where all new development already occurs within their built-up areas, this change will not look much different than today. However for most municipalities in the GTA, this will mean a substantial increase in intensification and more development within existing neighbourhoods.

We believe the province should take a more measured approach.

For new development areas or what is known as greenfields, densities will be required to increase from 50 persons and jobs per hectare to 80 people and jobs per hectare.

Since the Growth Plan's inception in 2006, the home building and land development industry has been meeting the province's intensification requirements. Yet, the demand for low-rise family homes has not diminished, and unfortunately the price has skyrocketed because of low supply.

Supply of low-rise housing in the GTA, especially for detached single-family homes, has reached shockingly low record levels. Monthly research conducted by Altus Group found that on March 31, across the entire GTA there were only 3,036 low-rise homes available for sale in builders' remaining inventory. Ten years ago, in March 2006, there were 16,757 low-rise homes available for sale in remaining inventory.

Not surprisingly, the disparity between supply and demand has led to a dramatic increase in prices. The average price of new ground-related housing in the GTA has more than doubled since the Growth Plan was introduced. There is a growing body of research both locally and in the U.S. showing a strong correlation between restrictive land-use policy and increasing home prices.

With its proposed changes to the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plans, it's clear the Government of Ontario is not concerned about the price of housing in the GTA.

We believe the province should take a more measured approach before significantly increasing intensification requirements that will further limit housing choice and increase home prices in the GTA.

What do you think? There is a public-consultation process underway and an online feedback form on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs' website. You can also contact your local MPP and tell them it is time to pause and take a hard look at the numbers before it's too late.

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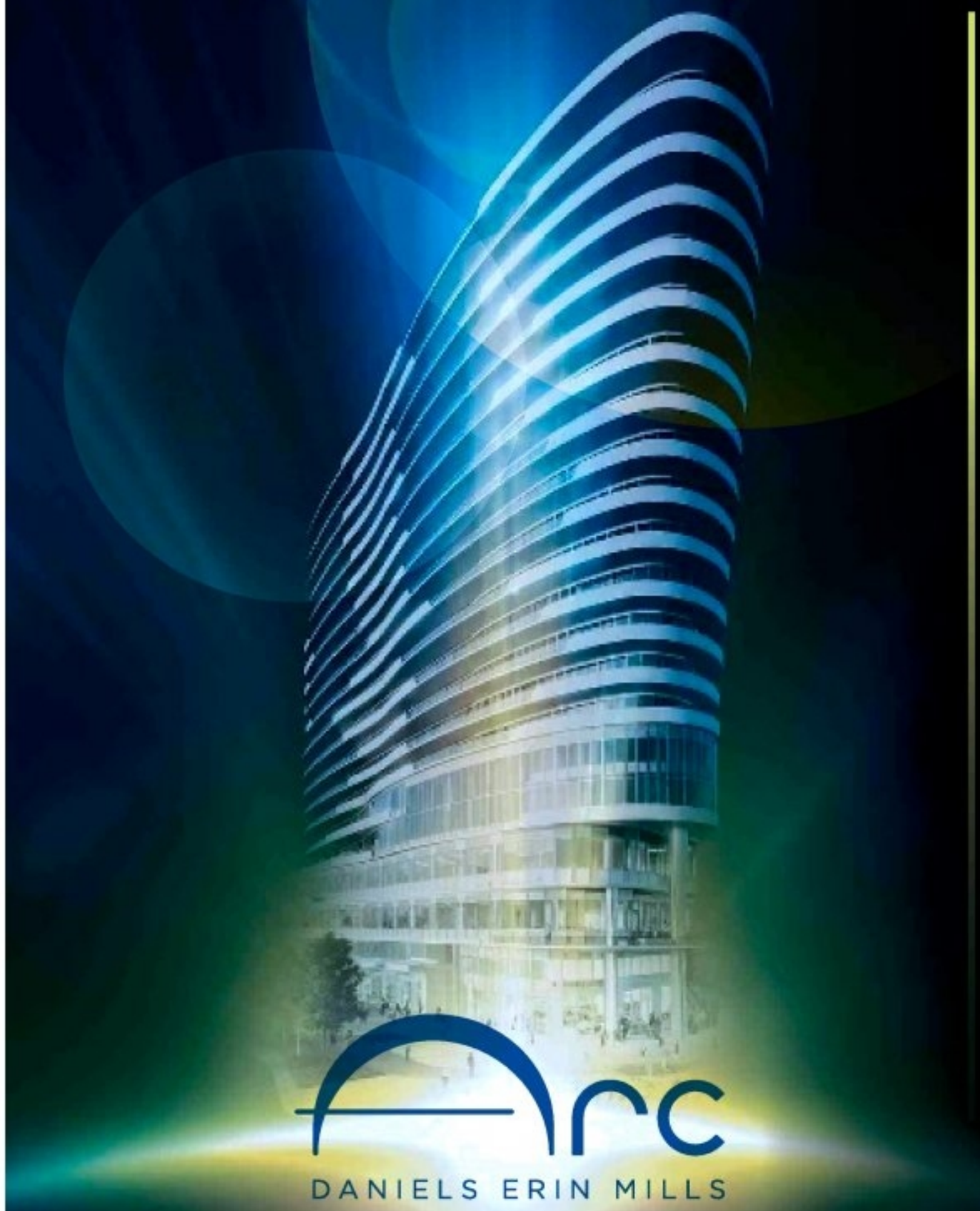

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Michael Bisping has stepped in for the injured Chris Weidman to challenge Luke Rockhold for the middleweight championship at UFC 199

Relying on resiliency

RAPTORS
CLEVELAND LEADS 1-0

Dinos in familiar spot having lost series opener

The Toronto Raptors have been here so many times, it's almost become their comfort zone.

The day after being throttled by Cleveland in the opener of their first-ever Eastern Conference final, the Raptors find themselves having to claw back from behind, and hope that recent history means something.

The Raptors dropped a horrific 115-84 decision to the Cavaliers on Tuesday night. But they've lost every Game 1 of this post-season, and are 6-0 in games after losses.

"I see these guys, I see it in their eyes, and we're a very resilient team and we always come back strong," general manager Masai Ujiri said.

"There are going to be blowout games, and in the playoffs, every single game is different.

"We just have a resilient team. These guys fight, they're going to have ups and downs, and I think they've fought through some down times in the playoffs and this year. They respond well."

Things couldn't go much worse than they did Tuesday at Quicken Loans Arena. One telling statistic: the Cavaliers held Toronto's all-stars Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan to zero free throw attempts between them. In the 298 games that Lowry and DeRozan have played together, that had never happened.

"That's a phenomenal number," coach Dwane Casey said. "I'm not very good at math, but that's almost mathematically impossible as much as we drive and kick."

Lowry had been so solid against the Cavaliers in their three regular-season games, averaging 31 points on 66 per cent shooting. But the scrappy point guard was held to just eight points Tuesday night.

The Cavaliers held Raptors DeMar DeRozan, left, and Kyle Lowry to zero free throws on Tuesday. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Asked about that spark in the eye that Ujiri spoke of: "There's always a fire if you get your ass kicked like that.

"You gotta want to win," said Lowry. "We didn't just get here to be like 'OK.' We want to win games. We want to compete. Our competitive nature as professionals, as NBA players is going to be at a high level."

DeMarre Carroll had arguably the toughest job of the night Tuesday in trying to contain LeBron James. The four-time NBA MVP blew by Carroll a few times, including on windmill dunk in the second quarter that was played over and over on Wednesday's highlight reels.

"He's a physical beast," Carroll said of James. "It's one of those things man, you've just gotta do what you can. I feel like I can do better, especially staying in front of him, try to make tough twos, but I see now that they tried to go straight to the post." THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Blue Jays drop 5th straight

The Tampa Bay Rays belted three home runs off Toronto starter R.A. Dickey in a 6-3 victory Wednesday night that extended the Blue Jays' losing skid to a season-high five games.

Logan Morrison and Desmond Jennings hit back-to-back homers in the fourth inning and Kevin Kiermaier added a two-run shot in the sixth as the Rays swept the three-game series at Rogers Centre.

Tampa Bay (19-19) returned to the .500 mark with the win. Toronto (19-23) was outscored 30-7 in the series and has now dropped five straight home games.

Dickey (2-5) worked six innings and gave up eight hits, four earned runs and a walk. He had six strikeouts.

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+ COMEBACK

Travis progressing in rehab

Second baseman Devon Travis will join the triple-A Buffalo Bisons on Thursday, the latest sign of progress in his injury rehab assignment following off-season left shoulder surgery.

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IN BRIEF

Sevilla captures third consecutive Europa title

Sevilla stunned Liverpool with a 3-1 comeback win to take a record third straight Europa League title on Wednesday.

Swept aside in the first half yet trailing only 1-0, Sevilla equalized 18 seconds after the restart with Kevin Gameiro's goal from close range and Coke striking twice in the 64th and 70th minutes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia could face ban from Rio Olympics

The latest allegations of state-sponsored doping in Russia could lead to suspension of entire national federations, heavy fines and lifetime Olympic bans, IOC president Thomas Bach said Wednesday. Bach declined to say whether the IOC would consider banning Russia entirely from this year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Judge stops NHL attempt to beat lawsuit

A federal judge has denied the NHL's latest attempt to throw out a class-action lawsuit by former players filed over head injuries.

The league argued the issues raised by former players were covered by the collective bargaining agreement with their union.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson wrote in a 47- page opinion the CBA does not pre-empt legal action. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toronto snaps New York winning streak

MLS

NYCFC still undefeated vs. Reds following close contest

Will Johnson's goal late in the first half lifted Toronto FC to a 1-1 tie with New York City FC in MLS play Wednesday night.

The tie extended New York's current unbeaten run to a club-record five games while improving NYCFC's career record against Toronto to 3-0-2. New York (4-3-5) had won its last three, tying another club mark.

Ghanaian midfielder Kwadwo Poku scored for New York City FC, which got a good game from goalkeeper Josh Saunders.

Johnson's goal — his second goal of the season and 27th of his career — came in his 200th MLS game.

Toronto star Sebastian Giovinco was involved in the buildup but did not get an assist, ending his streak of being involved in consecutive TFC goals at a league-record 13 (scoring eight and assisting on the other five). While held off the scoresheet, Giovinco was once again full value with an array of delightful touches, probing runs and dangerous shots.

In the 75th minute, he drew oohs with a cheeky pirouette to break away from a defender before firing a shot that was parried by Saunders.

Toronto FC's Sebastian Giovinco, left, battles for the ball with New York City FC's Ethan White on Wednesday. While Toronto FC failed to come away with a victory, they ended NYCFC's winning streak, forcing a draw. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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After a slow start, Toronto (4-4-3) got stronger as the game wore on before a BMO Field sellout of 30,262. And Babouli, a 23-year-old homegrown player in for the injured Jozy Altidore, stepped up.

With three games in a week — and the Toronto contest sandwiched between trips to Portland and the New York Red Bulls — NYCFC had Andrea Pirlo and David Villa start on the bench as manager Patrick Vieira made seven changes to his starting 11.

Villa, who scored six goals in his three previous games against Toronto, came on in the 74th minute.

Frank Lampard, the other NYCFC designated player, was not in the match day squad as he continues to work his way back from a calf strain.

The lineups did not live up to expectations, which had hyped the Giovinco versus Pirlo and Villa storylines. On the plus side, the home team was giving away 10,000 Giovinco T-shirts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

AHL PLAYOFFS

Marlies headed to Bear country

Toronto Marlies veteran Ben Smith knows the value of the Black Aces, the skaters playoff teams keep around to fill out practices in case they are needed.

The Marlies have a few on their roster, all of whom are learning what it's like to be a pro as Toronto heads to the third round of the AHL Calder Cup playoffs.

Smith and the Marlies have had their struggles. They trailed 2-1 after three games in the previous round, and they lost Game 6 at home. They trailed 2-1 in the third to Albany in Game 7.

Now the team, who finished the season with 46 players on the roster, are down to one practice group of 28. Many practices, like Wednesday's, are optional.

Toronto will head to Hershey on Thursday for Games 1 and 2 Friday and Saturday.

Games 3, 4, 5 and 7 are scheduled for Ricoh Coliseum.

TSN2 will also broadcast the Marlies starting Friday, as their bandwagon grows beyond the walls of Ricoh.

"You hope so," said Smith. "We're in a great hockey city and the fans are so knowledgeable. We're excited about what we can achieve, what we can accomplish. We're going to work as hard as we can. If we're turning some heads and growing the sport of the Toronto Marlies, we're excited to do that." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of 1 large lemon
- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- 1 Tbsp of fresh chopped thyme
- 3 chicken breasts
- 6 cups sliced mixed greens
- 2 cups small potatoes, halved, boiled and tossed with oil and salt
- 4 soft boiled eggs, cut in half
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrot
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup diced cucumber
- 1/2 cup shaved Asiago or Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup diced green onion
- 1/2 tsp fresh chopped thyme

Directions

1. In a bowl, combine oil, lemon juice, zest and thyme. Pour into plastic bag. Add chicken to bag, seal and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes.

2. Arrange greens on a serving dish. Place potatoes, eggs, carrot, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and cheese in groups on top.

3. Heat grill to medium-high. Remove chicken and place and grill coated with cooking spray; grill 10 minutes or until browned. Turn chicken over; grill 15 minutes or until meat tis done. Remove and let stand 10 minutes. Slice chicken into strips and place on top of salad.

4. Sprinkle the entire salad with green onions and fresh thyme. Serve with your favourite salad dressing.

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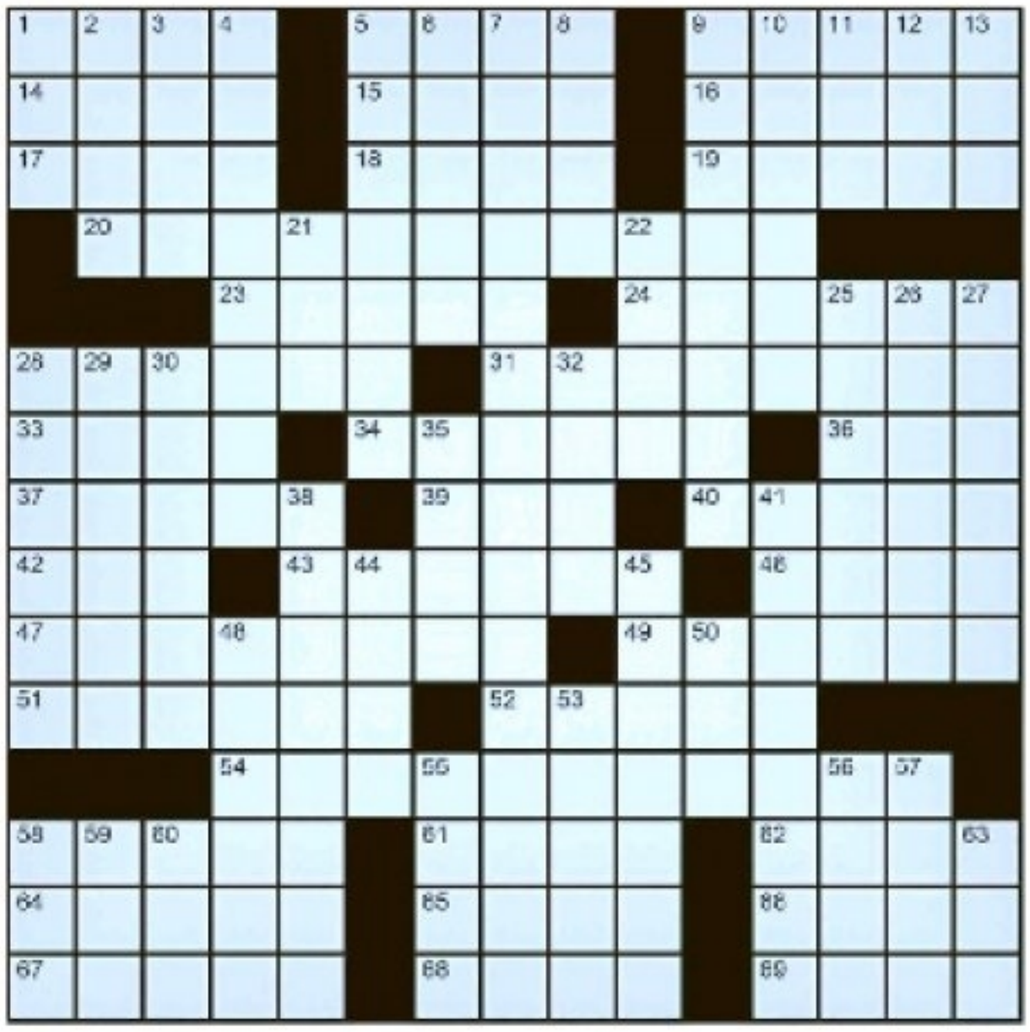

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1. Poison rocker Mr. Michaels
5. "__ Feel My Face" by The Weeknd
9. "Time in a Bottle" singer Jim
14. "__ & Stitch" (2002)
15. Pulitzer-winning writer James
16. Summer months in France
17. Marc __ (Fashion designer)
18. 1899 to 1902 conflict, Second __ War
19. Hog
20. One of the five 'Mother Sauces' of the culinary arts
23. Green hue
24. Creator of big screen monster Godzilla, Tomoyuki __ (b.1910 - d.1997)
28. Wipe out
31. Lifts
33. Organic compound
34. Intense injury
36. She's opposite
37. Business days, acronymonially
39. Passed in 1867, it made Canada [acronym]
40. Glistened
42. J.R.R. Tolkien creature
43. Out of commission because of an ailment: 2 wds.
46. "Mister Ed" actor Leon
47. Turkey's geographical locale: 2 wds.
49. Taking a prescription: 2 wds.
51. Model/actress Ms. Ebanks
52. Tourist's accommodation
54. Ontario: Musical now playing at the Stratford Festival: 3 wds.
58. Archie Bunker's wife
61. Canadian actress Fiona
62. Ho-hum
64. Bristly hairs
65. The Naked __ (Goya painting)
66. Stick in one's __ (Rankle)
67. __"_" Us (Chain store)
68. Red-covered cheese
69. Pull along

DOWN
1. Wheat: French
2. In the money
3. Town in British Columbia's 'South Country'
4. Home contractor's accessory: 2 wds.
5. Broadway musical-turned-movie-of-1972
6. Torment
7. __-__-__ (Name of the grass emblem of Saskatchewan)
8. Prefix meaning 'Trillion'
9. Starch-extracted roots for tapioca
10. Ivanhoe's beloved
11. Not 'non'
12. Type of package [abbr.]
13. 'Legal' suffix (Lawyer-speak)
21. Permit
22. Thingy
25. Relaxed/comfortable: 2 wds.
26. Lamented
27. Evaluate
28. Devils
29. Main course
30. Like 'light' food
32. Lei-wearer's feast
35. Baseball stats.
38. The Bounty mutineer, __ Christian
41. As per #54-Across... Music: Marvin __, Lyrics: Edward Kleban
44. "Sooo soothing!" (Spa massage reaction)
45. WWII: Conference site in 1945 for The Big Three
48. Lariats
50. First word in Inferno by Dante
53. Mystifying game board
55. Elm: French
56. Ms. Ephron of screenplays
57. Biblical twin of Jacob's
58. "C'__ la vie!"
59. God willing, __ volente
60. 'Acid' suffix
63. Graduation bird

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today your focus is on shared property and the wealth of others. Don't be envious, because it's just a waste of energy. Be glad you have what you have.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. This happens for two days every month. No biggie.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Your involvement with a pet might be particularly important today. You feel concerned. It will please you to do something so that you feel better organized.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a playful, fun-loving day. You might want to play hooky or take a long lunch. Sports events, social occasions and romantic excursions will appeal. Ooo la la.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You need to cocoon at home or focus energy on your private life. Use this day to take a breather and pamper yourself among familiar surroundings.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have a need to relate to others today. This is why you want genuine, heart-to-heart discussions with people, not superficial chitchat about the weather.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Money and cash flow are a concern today. You don't like to discuss your finances with others, but you certainly think a lot about them. And today is one of those days.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today the Moon is in Scorpio, which makes you a bit more emotional than usual. This happens for two days every month. Just chill.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you can sneak away and get some time alone today, this will please you. You need a moment to pull your act together before you take it on the road.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A conversation with a female friend could be significant today. You might discuss goals, future dreams or how to move forward with organizational plans.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You feel restless and eager for something different today. Therefore, indulge this need. Go someplace you've never been before. Explore your world. Shake it up a little.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
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